

Minutes
Wayland Historic District Commission Meeting
May 19, 2016

Members present: Gretchen Schuler (presiding), Margery Baston, Alice Boelter, Marji Ford, Sheryl Simon

Others present: Mary and Brian Farley (30 Cochituate Road), Bob Mainer and Kate Jenney (representing the Historical Society Board)

Public Comment: There was none.

Minutes of March 31, 2016 Meeting were approved as amended.

7:45 pm Public Hearing. 30 Cochituate Road - Mark Sibley House.

Construct garden shed, pave driveway edged with cobblestones.

The shed is 11 feet high and will sit on a pad of crushed stone. A stockade fence will hide the shed. The only thing that possibly could be visible from the public way would be the ridge of the shed.

After talking with developers Brian and Mary decided against loose stone for their driveway and decided on asphalt with a layer of stone dust. Cobble stones will edge the driveway, but not all the way up to the house. There was a motion to approve the application as submitted; and this was followed with a unanimous vote in favor. (5-0-0)

Discussion of Rail Trail - Historic Railroad Artifacts - Parking for Library

The rail trail will be done this summer, from Russell's to the Depot. Work has been closely coordinated with DCR.

There are a number of issues concerning an expanded library in its current location -- and parking is a big issue. Gretchen reported the mistaken view that nothing could be done with the parking lot by the Freight House because of the HDC. She asked the question: "What if we were to move the freight house closer to the road but in the same relationship to the tracks?" By doing so, space might be provided for a two story (low) parking garage. Gretchen talked with some people on the Library trustees, the Historical Commission

and the Historical Society. There was general agreement on this idea which will be further discussed by the respective groups. Bob thought the new location besides becoming more visible might encourage new uses of the Freight House. Brian wondered if it could tie in with the new bike path. Gretchen reported that the architects feel that any garage needs a dedicated way in and another way out. The architects favor an entrance on Concord Road and an exit (from a garage) on Millbrook Road.

12 Cochituate Road - Grout-Heard House. Report on sign lighting as per Certificate of Appropriateness. Bob Mainer reported that Brad Keyes selected the lighting. Both the intensity and scope of the light can be adjusted. The LED lights should just hit the sign and no more. The lights will come on at dusk and go off at 10 pm.

Bob brought up the issue of the gravel driveway at the Grout-Heard House. The gravel gets pushed around by the snow plows in the winter, and then needs to be raked back onto the driveway in the spring. It is not particularly good for walking on, and difficult for a wheelchair to maneuver. This spring some of the extra gravel was spread on the entrance road to the community gardens. The GHH Museum is in an aquiver protection district (where paving is restricted), but paving still could be done from the street to the kitchen door. There will be an interest in seeing how the driveway at 30 Cochituate looks when finished -- an asphalt driveway with stone dust spread on top.

Design Review Guidelines - Review of guidelines Gretchen will send out guidelines this summer for us to review.

There will not be a HDC meeting in June or July unless there is an application and a need for a public hearing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Baston